

Tornado Alley - lyrics

Swamp Walk

Instrumental

(CGA#GCE)

Forget About Love

It's time to leave boys, my heart will follow

I hate to say it but maybe tomorrow

I'll forget about love

I'm not worried, it's only lonely

I'll be okay but if only

I forget about love

I can't afford

Another time

I won't forget

I need a change, a good long vacation

Away from here and then I'll arrange to

Forget about love

Somewhere new, blame it on my heart

Somewhere new and then I can start to

Forget about love

Next time

I won't forget

I will be sure

But it's a fire you can't miss

What you want but not like this

And I know the reasons that we play

Love's what you want but you must pay

One more time, oh no never

A promise to myself

And next time I'd better just

Forget about love

So come on friends won't you say something please

If you see me bend or weak in the knees

Say "Forget about love"

Forget about love

forget about love

Enough is enough

Say forget about love

(DADFAD)

I Remember

I heard him tell me once

What he really wants to do

Is to cut away from where he's at

To be alone with you

And concentrate his attentions

On your needs with his love
And perhaps to see his reflection
In your eyes would be enough
Oh that's devotion
I remember that emotion

But maybe you won't see it
Or believe that he is true
I know just how you think, love
I remember me and you
But perhaps now fortune's falling
At last them on the side
And you said that you were lonely
Perhaps now it's the time
Oh he's devoted
I remember that emotion

Sentimental fortress crumbles
Sentimental fortress falls
You should let them go
Held too long
Somebody loves you
Somebody cares
Somebody wants you
I remember too

What's wrong with passion?
And never mind the chains
Forget about your losses
You said it's time to change

Will you listen when I tell you
I believe his aim is true
Then believe it is my wish, love
Cause I remember me and you
Oh, he's devoted
I remember that emotion

(DGA#GA#D)

Lucky World

I'm gonna change tomorrow
Learn a new way to walk
And if I really want to work hard
Gonna find a new way to talk
Lately I've been so restless
It's nothing you can see
So if I really do this thing
Gonna end up with a brand new me

Oh, you lucky world

Oh darling I'm so thirsty
I've never felt this dry
But there's nothing in this bottle
To answer the question why
So I'm gonna change tomorrow
Be different when I rise
I'm gonna get better

You're gonna be surprised

Oh, you lucky world

I'm gonna be happy

I'm gonna start clean

I'm gonna lose these blues

Quit being mean

I'm gonna smile

Gonna start new

Be different than today

Oh lucky you

Oh, you lucky world

(DGDGBD) capo 2

City Life

I think about leaving here for the country almost every day

Wondering about a future and this city life

The babies grown and jumping almost every single night

And even lately I know for me, played loud feels right

I don't get it

This all used to feel just fine

I belonged and it was mine

Something new every night

Nothing wrong, just city life

Now fewer friends are calling
But I have learned it's okay and how to let them go
Still like to dance the tango
Just move a little slow
Dressed this way for the cold
But sometimes it's lovely
It's everything I need
The best friend I know

So okay, I'm just being sentimental
It's not so very special
Just can't help but try
It's just this city life

Who's in control
Nobody's home and I'm calling
Been alone too damn long
And I'm failing
City life
And we're calling
Thinking twice
'Bout city life

(CGBGBD) capo 1

Dakota

Daddy's come home drunk today
I saw it how he's walking
As the cabby drove away
But we've done this lots before
Pull the shades and lock the door
When daddy's home from drinking
Pretend everything's okay
Just gotta be quiet and play

Daddy's come home drunk today
So I don't have to go to school
Get to watch TV all day
Cause we've done this lots before
Pull the shades and lock the door
He lays in his room and he's talking
And I'm not really bored
I tiptoe across the floor

Daddy's come home drunk today
And I laid awake all night
Praying he would be all right
But we've done this lots before
Pull the shades and lock the door
I'll call the school and say
That we are all okay

Cause we've done this lots before
Pull the shades and lock the door

And I'll sit quiet and play
Be good for my daddy today
Extra good for my daddy today

(EGBGBD)

The Ballad of Molly and Shelly

Here's a little song you might have heard before
'Bout two wandering gals who walked in a door
With everything new and everything strange
They just got into town, don't know nobody's name
I met'em, in a little bar where I was playing my songs
Said I remind them of the music back home
Wanted me to play all night, make everything right
While they tried to drink all the beer in the bar that night

Molly says she's homesick
for New Orleans and more
Swears that she is lonely
Wonders what she come here for
Says she's going home

Well they lived in Louisiana a little too long
'Course it's a natural way to feel after Mardi Gras
So what the hell, what the heck
They packed up a m and they headed west
They drove all night and every single day
Adding up the miles to make a getaway

But that's okay cause if you gotta go
Seattle's 'bout as far as you can get on any road

Now Shelly's feeling crazy
Thinks she might have been here before
Remembers some old heartache
And wonders what she's come back for
Says she's going home

Everyone looked as they walked in the room
Electric orange pants and their see-through shirts
Well I stared too 'cause I saw it in their eyes
They were out to get done twice as fast as wise
Counting loose change and dancing' cross the floor
Singing all my songs that they never heard before
But that's all right, they were sweet and nice
They made a lot of friends at the bar that night

Now Molly and Shelly are homesick
They don't want to be alone
Think they might do something dangerous
So they wanted me to take them both home
So I took'em to my home

So into the night, we drank a lot more
Telling tall tales and some I never heard before
We laughed and we talked, we talked till we cried
Adventure at home had never felt so right
But nothing else happened though yes I must admit
I have an active imagination and I worked it out a bit

But that's all right, I found something nice
I made two friends and I made them both for life

Molly and Shelly are gone now
And this place is not the same
But they both taught me about dreaming
And what you have to give away
I'll learn to give away

(CGDGCE) capo 1

Little Toes

Instrumental
(DGBGBD)

Sam DTs

Sitting there at home you'll find him
Waiting all alone I know
He can't go out and face the demolition derby time
And there's just too much noise

The door is locked the lights all on
The fire burning brightly, hey but
'Round the comers are the shadows
Waiting there to pull him down and swallow
And I know

He called to say so

So far, it's 13 days

Still it's just not long for such a change

You feel so hollow

So cold

But I said try it for awhile

just one more day to get away

If you could add another on I bet

The worst would start to fade

Ah yes, but I know

It's hard

Hard to let go

It's a chain of fire

And dungeon days

Ain't got nothing left

So get away

Saw my friend go off the edge

Not so long ago

That mean old Jones had got him by the throat

A choking stranglehold

I heard him crying

Wanting help

So I said it takes time

But ask for more

You even know how long

Can you spend what you can't afford

Are you so lucky

So bold

Ah but I know

It's a chain of fire

And dungeon days

Ain't got nothing left

So get away

(DGDGBD) capo 2

Tornado Alley

My wandering had taken me far from my home

I met a pretty woman said she's tired of being alone

Well one thing led to another

You know how things go

So we packed her up and headed back

To my little Texas home

Well I told her once and I told her twice

It's the best that I could do

Life in tornado alley is where I live, don't be confused

But she was quite insistent, professed to me her love

I warned her where I lived

Now she's moved here and it's done

Storm seasons always come, storm seasons go

Never seems to stay the same but the wind always blows

Uncomfortable summer, cold in winter times

Very, very few moments when everything's just right

But me, I've always lived here

Yes I've been born and raised

It's funny what you can get used to

If you take the time and don't count the days

It's mostly just flat land, not much to see

And I know she's bored and probably blames it all on me

And I'm sure it is quite different, not what she thought

Tornado alley's not a dream, but it's sure as hell what she got

Then of course there come a time a storm came roaring through

And I seen the took in her eyes, wondering

what the hell she got herself in to

With nowhere to run, nowhere to hide

From a freight train running through the middle of a room

Just want out alive

But me, I've always lived here

Yes I've been born and raised

It's funny what you can get used to

If you take the time and don't count the days

Well after that, things changed, she said something about the fail

And how the waters rushed and roared, I heard a coyote call

On and on, long stories, of places I'd never seen

She'd get that faraway look in her eyes that did not include me

Maybe I should have known, there's something about this place
And unlike the wind that blows through here, she's gone without a trace
Well me, I just go on, but back to being alone
Tornado alley's where I live and have always called my home

But me, I've always lived here
Yes I've been born and raised
It's funny what you can get used to
If you take the time and don't count the day

(CGCGCD#) capo 4

Like Raymond Carver

Turn the page, I guess it's time to go
And yes it makes me sad but I guess you know
I'm just a wanderer, passing through
Dangerous to hold and that's the truth
One more time perhaps, I'll be back through
One more time around this town, but not too soon

But there I guess I've said enough
Don't look back, just call it love
Say goodbye but tenderly
Say it once for you and me

I know it's done, you know it's time
Like a Raymond Carver tale
But this one's mine

Stay love, stay close

Kiss me one more time

And then I'll go

But there I guess I've said enough

If you look back, it was love

Say goodbye but tenderly

Say goodbye to you and me

(DGDGBD)

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